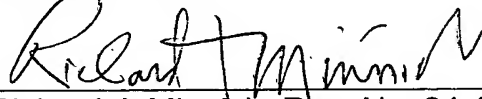


## REMARKS

It is respectfully submitted that the subject application is now in better condition for examination.

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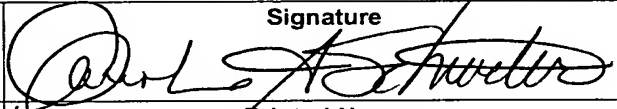
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